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FIRE INCIDENTS IN ORDNANCE FACTORIES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Board of Enquiry/Court which enquired the cases of fire/explosion incidents took place during the past in various ordnance factories have suggested a number of measures to prevent the incidents;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether despite implementation of such suggestions incidents of fire are taking place frequently;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the facts in this regard in respect of last two years upto October, 2003?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): A Board of Enquiry is constituted to investigate every incident of fire/explosion and recommend remedial measures. During the preceding 3 financial years (i.e., 2000-2001 to 2002-2003), 10 incidents of fire/explosion were reported. Remedial measures suggested by the Boards of Enquiry in 8 cases have been implemented. The recommendations in respect of the remaining 2 cases are being examined.

(c) to (e): In the recent past, incidents of fire/explosion have declined. There have been 3 incidents in the financial year 2002-2003 as compared to 6 incidents in the year 2001-2002. During the current financial year one incident has occurred.